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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Physicians, Physician Assistants, Clinics, Managed Care Organizations, Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers

FROM: Peggy B. Handrich, Administrator
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SUBJECT: New Medicine and Surgery section and Laboratory and Radiology section of Physician Services Handbook

The Division of Health Care Financing (DHCF) is pleased to provide you with a copy of the new Medicine and Surgery section and Laboratory and Radiology section of the Wisconsin Medicaid Physician Services Handbook. These sections are two of three sections that comprise the Physician Services Handbook.

All policies included in the handbook sections are effective for dates of services on and after March 1, 2003. Please utilize your current handbook sections until that date.

The Medicine and Surgery section and the Laboratory and Radiology section include a series of policy clarifications and replace the sections dated January 2000. The Anesthesia section was revised in May 2001.

The Physician Services Handbook is a guide for all Medicaid-certified physician services providers. Providers should maintain and refer to this handbook in conjunction with the Medicaid All-Provider Handbook, the *Wisconsin Medicaid Managed Care Guide*, and the monthly *Medicaid and BadgerCare Update*.

Clarifications and additions to the handbook

The following items have been clarified and/or added to the new Medicine and Surgery and Laboratory and Radiology sections of the Physician Services Handbook:

- *Forms.* The basic information requested on the following forms has not changed, only the format. Wisconsin Medicaid will continue to accept old versions of these forms:
 - ✓ Abortion Certification Statements.
 - ✓ Sterilization Informed Consent.
 - ✓ Breast Pump Order.
 - ✓ Second Opinion Elective Surgery Request / Physician Report.
 - ✓ Provider Certification of Emergency for Undocumented Aliens.
 - ✓ Acknowledgement of Receipt of Hysterectomy Information. (Note: The physician signature element was removed from this form.)

- *Ancillary providers.* More information about billing requirements for ancillary providers has been included.
- *Prescription information.* A new chapter with prescription information was created.
- *Consultations.* Clarification on consultations for established patients.
- *Obstetric services.* Clarification on billing for total obstetric care, complications of pregnancy, and when a recipient has other insurance.

Previous Medicaid publications

These sections completely replace the previous versions of the Medicine and Surgery and Laboratory and Radiology sections published in January 2000. In addition to replacing these sections, it also replaces the following physician *Updates*:

Update Number	Update Title
96-03	New Tuberculosis (TB) Benefit
2000-09	Second Opinion Elective Surgery Request/Physician Report Form revised
2000-14	Prior authorization no longer required for selected injection procedure codes
2000-21	View electronic version of the Physician Handbook on the Medicaid Web site
2000-35	Change in type and place of service for radiation therapy procedure codes
2000-38	Vaccine Order Form revised
2000-46	Immunization CPT code changes
2000-56	Medicaid abortion coverage remains unchanged with the addition of Mifeprex
2001-01	Prospective Drug Utilization Review's impact on prescribers
2001-02	Revision of breast pump coverage
2001-11	"Medicaid Therapy Services for Children" brochure available
2001-24	Allowable Medicaid-covered procedure codes expanded for nurse practitioners
2001-25	Certification required for nurse practitioners
2001-27	Updates to physician services coverage policies and limitations
2001-45	Change in requirements for personal care registered nurse visits
2002-01	Medicaid reimbursement for required newborn screening
2002-13	Maximum allowable fee and coverage changes for physician services
2002-17	Coverage of anti-emetic drugs
2002-19	Procedure codes eligible to receive the Health Personnel Shortage Area-enhanced reimbursement rate
2002-31	1.095% reimbursement rate increase for non-institutional providers
2002-40	Maximum allowable fee changes for physician services
2002-44	Coverage of Botox [®] and Myobloc [®]
2002-47	Coverage of critical care and prolonged services revised
2002-53	Wisconsin Medicaid covers procedure code for Lunelle [™]
2002-56	Procedure code changes
2002-58	Wisconsin Medicaid provides options for providers submitting claims for obstetric services
2002-69	Screenings and diagnostic procedures coverage
2003-10	Wisconsin Medicaid revises Newborn Report form
2003-01	Wisconsin Medicaid revises Prior Authorization Physician Attachment (PA/PA)

Update Number	Update Title
2003-07	Wisconsin Medicaid revises selected forms for physician services
2003-02	Wisconsin Medicaid revises Provider Certification of Emergency for Undocumented Aliens form

Please retain all other service-specific *Updates* not listed in the table above.

Additional Copies of Publications

The Department of Health and Family Services Web site, www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/, contains additional information for Medicaid providers and an electronic version of the Physician Services Handbook.

We would like to thank everyone who spent time to review the handbook section and send comments, including the Wisconsin Medical Society